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10. (Amended) [Use of a catalyst according to any one of claims 1 to 9] A process
for the [transformation] hydrotreating of hydrocarbon feeds[.] , comprising contacting a
hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 1.

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Please delete claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 12, Line 1: *✓* Delete "Use according to any one of claims" and insert --A
process according to claim"; delete "to 11"; delete "used".

Claim 13, Line 1: *✓* Delete "Use" and insert --A process--; delete "of the catalyst".

NE Line 2: Delete "hydrocarbonated" and insert --hydrocarbon--.

Claim 14, Line 1: *✓* Delete "Use" and insert --A process--; delete "any one of claims
11 to 13" and insert --claim 11--.

Please add the following new claims:

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--15. A catalyst according to claim 3, in which the group VIII element is cobalt or
nickel.

16. A catalyst according to claim 15, further comprising at least one group VIIA
metal.

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17. A catalyst according to claim 16, in which said group VIIA element is fluorine.

18. A process for the hydrotreating of hydrocarbon feeds, comprising contacting a
hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 9.

19. A process for the hydrotreating of hydrocarbon feeds, comprising contacting a
hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 15.

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20. A process for the hydrotreating of hydrocarbon feeds, comprising contacting a hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 16.

21. A process for the hydrotreating of hydrocarbon feeds, comprising contacting a hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 17.

REMARKS

A principle purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiply dependent claims and the fee associated therewith, Applicants reserving the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

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